

REMARKS

Claims 31, 33-35, 37, 38 and 40-42, 44 and 45 are presented for consideration, with Claims 31, 35, 38 and 42 being independent.

The independent claims have been amended to further distinguish Applicant's invention from the cited art.

The amendments to the claims were not presented earlier as it was believed that the previously presented claims would be found allowable. This Amendment does not add any additional claims. Moreover, the Examiner's familiarity with the subject matter of the present application will allow an appreciation of the significance of the amendments herein without undue expenditure of time and effort. Finally, the Amendment does not raise new issues requiring further consideration or search. Accordingly, it is submitted that entry of the Amendment is appropriate.

All of the claims, i.e., Claims 31, 33-35, 37, 38, 40-42, 44 and 45, stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly being obvious over Tokunaga '132 in view of Shishido '490. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 31 of Applicant's invention relates to a display device capable of displaying first and second windows on a display screen. The display device includes first receiving means for receiving first image data, which is sequentially transferred from a first external device in units of frames, to be displayed on the first window, second receiving means for receiving second image data, which is sequentially transferred from a second external device in units of frames, to be displayed on the second window, and memory means for storing the first image data and the second image data. In addition, reading control means reads image data stored in the memory means for displaying the image data, connecting means connects the first

receiving means and the second receiving means to the memory means, and storing control means stores the first image data received by the first receiving means and the second image data received by the second receiving means in the memory means through the connecting means. As recited, the connecting means opens and closes a first connecting gate which connects the second receiving means and the memory means at predetermined intervals when the first window is an active window, and opens and closes a second connecting gate which connects the first receiving means and the memory means at predetermined intervals when the second window is an active window.

In accordance with Applicant's claimed invention, the first or second connecting gates connecting the second or first receiving means and the memory means is opened and closed at predetermined intervals when the first or second window is active. This way of regulating the image data allows for a high performance display device.

Claim 35 relates to an information processing apparatus that includes, in addition to the features of Claim 31, first output means for sequentially outputting first image data in units of frames, and second output means for sequentially outputting second image data in units of frames.

Claims 38 and 42 relate to a display control method and a storage medium for storing a program and correspond substantially to Claim 31.

As discussed in the previous Amendment of October 9, 2003, Tokunaga relates to an image data communication system that includes a network apparatus 23 connected between an image transmitting side computer 21 and an image receiving side computer 22 (see Figure 5). A network transmitting unit 40 within the image transmitting side computer functions as a traffic detecting unit for detecting traffic on the network apparatus. An image transmitting unit 39

within the image transmitting side computer 21 regulates traffic by determining an appropriate number of image transferring frames by referring to a traffic control table.

It is respectfully submitted, however, that Tokunaga does not teach or suggest, among other features, first receiving means and second receiving means as set forth in Claim 31. The Office Action identifies image receiving unit 44 in Tokunaga as Applicant's claimed first receiving means, but does not identify which elements in Tokunaga correspond to the claimed second receiving means. On this point, it is respectfully submitted that Tokunaga does not include second receiving means that receives image data from a second external device as set forth in Claim 31. As shown in Figure 5, Tokunaga uses a single source, i.e., image inputting apparatus 24, to input image data.

The Office Action also acknowledges that Tokunaga does not provide connecting means and storing control means as recited in Applicant's claims, but cites Shishido to compensate for these deficiencies. In Shishido, a computer system can change the luminance of an active CRT to be different from that of an inactive CRT. As shown in Figure 1, an inputting unit (keyboard 1) inputs data to be displayed on a CRT 2 or a CRT 3. As evident, however, Shishido does not provide first and second receiving means for receiving image data from two different devices. Shishido thus also fails to teach or suggest, among other features, storing control means for storing first and second image data received from first and second external devices, respectively.

Accordingly, without conceding the propriety of combining Tokunaga and Shishido as proposed in the Office Action, it is submitted that such a combination still fails to teach or suggest Claim 31 of Applicant's invention. Independent Claims 35, 38 and 42 are also

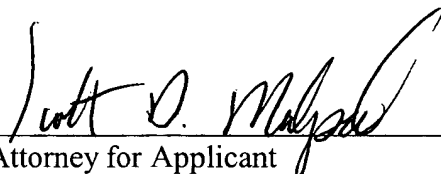
submitted to be patentable for at least the same reasons. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §103 is respectfully requested.

Thus, it is submitted that Applicant's invention as set forth in independent Claims 31, 35, 38 and 41 is patentable over the cited art. In addition, dependent Claims 33, 34, 37, 40, 44 and 45 set forth additional features of Applicant's invention. Independent consideration of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of this application is deemed to be in order and such action is respectfully requested.

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